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1. Early in May more than 6,000 wounded Communist troops arrived in Tientsin. Having filled private and government hospitals, authorities are now taking over private clinics, and since medical personnel are very scarce, they have organized all surgeons into the Anti-America Aid Korea Volunteer Medical Group.

2. Since medical supplies are also scarce, the authorities have banned private transactions, and medicines must now be sold to the government at strictly regulated prices. However, in order to encourage the importation of pharmaceuticals, the government has waived all taxes on imported medicines and promised to provide importers with 40 percent of the foreign exchange required for such transactions.

3. Severely wounded troops are being kept in Mukden, Changchun, Fushun, Anshan, and Chinhain; only those with relatively minor wounds are being sent to China proper. At present there are more than 3,400 wounded soldiers in the Kailan Mining Company Hospital at Chinhuangtao (119-35, 39-57); 2,600 at Tangshan (118-11, 39-38); 3,700 at Linhsia (118-25, 40-44); and 1,600 at T'angku (117-40, 39-01). The number of wounded in Peiping and Tientsin is much larger than the total of the above numbers. Because of inadequate medical care for the wounded, the mortality rate has been very high.

4. The treatment received by the wounded has increased their opposition to the war and to the Communist regime. When more than 300 new patients arrived at the Kailan Mining Company Hospital on 17 May, it became necessary to remove 700 who were nearly well. This caused a riot among the latter, who damaged hospital wards and destroyed part of the medical supplies. The authorities dispatched a battalion of troops, who arrested 60 of the trouble-makers. Of these, 14 have been executed as Nationalist agents and the remainder are in prison.

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